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Subject: RE: FOR PRD INPUT: Response to EPA R1 Tribal inquiry re: glyphosate; DDL: COB Wednesday
Attachments: Micmac Chief Peter Paul glyphosate draft 10 29 21.docx

Hi Carissa,

I started looking into this inquiry and I think we might need a bit more time to come up with a strategy for our response – I am looping in HED to see if they have any input they would like to add. Under normal circumstances, I would think a more generic response would be sufficient. Carissa, do you know if the draft letter on behalf of EPA R1 Acting Regional Administrator was sent to Chief Peter Paul? If it has been sent, then I think we will need to provide a more in-depth response. The letter states that OPP will consider “your questions on how the Agency evaluates impacts in forestry settings, including ecological effects and risks to human health from eating animals, including game animals, that may have fed on treated plants.”

Although there are no dietary risks of concern from glyphosate use, we only establish tolerances for foods marketed in the U.S. I'll wait to see if others have more to chime in as we move forward. Thanks,

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From: Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>
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Subject: FOR PRD INPUT: Response to EPA R1 Tribal inquiry re: glyphosate; DDL: COB Wednesday

Hello and happy manic Monday,

ICRB received a tribal inquiry from EPA Region 1 from regarding glyphosate and animals ingesting the pesticide. Specific concern -

“is EPA doing anything in regard to Roundup? It is applied to managed forests and affects fish, moose, and deer. What are they doing to animals? Hardwoods are some of what animals eat. How does it really affect our ecology. Deer ingest this.”

Does PRD have any language to address the concern? If so, can you please send it by COB Wednesday? Let me know if additional time is needed.

As an FYI, I've copied our standard glyphosate response below.

With regards to glyphosate, in January 2020, after receiving and considering public comments on the glyphosate proposed interim decision, EPA released the ID for registration review. As part of this action, EPA continues to find that there are no risks of concern to human health when glyphosate is used in accordance with current product labels. EPA also found that glyphosate is not likely to be a human carcinogen. EPA is requiring management measures to help farmers target pesticide sprays to intended pests, protect pollinators, and reduce the problem of weeds becoming resistant to glyphosate. More information regarding glyphosate is available on EPA's website (<https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/glyphosate>).

In November 2020, EPA released the draft biological evaluation (BE) for glyphosate for a public comment period, which closed March 12, 2021 (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-releases-draft-biological-evaluation-glyphosate>). BEs are the beginning of EPA's Endangered Species Act consultation review process for pesticides where the agency determines whether the pesticide “may affect” one or more individuals of a listed species and their designated critical habitats. The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service use the information in EPA's final BE to develop their biological opinion to determine if the pesticide jeopardizes the continued existence of the species and whether or not there is adverse modification to its critical habitat.

Additionally, on May 18, 2021, EPA filed a motion for partial voluntary remand of the glyphosate ID, seeking to reconsider those portions of the ID that do not relate to the Agency's conclusions on human health risks or the usage and benefits of glyphosate.

Many thanks,

Carissa

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Subject: FW: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation (EPA Region 1)

Good morning Rhina,

ICRB received an inquiry from EPA Region 1 about glyphosate, as they received a question from a tribal member specifically asking the questions below. Does the Comms team have a desk statement or any up-to-date language that can be used for glyphosate inquiries?

“is EPA doing anything in regard to Roundup? It is applied to managed forests and affects fish, moose, and deer. What are they doing to animals? Hardwoods are some of what animals eat. How does it really affect our ecology. Deer ingest this.”

I can also pull information from the glyphosate ID and risk assessment to specifically answer the tribal member's concerns about fish, moose, and deer and our risk assessment process, but I thought I'd check in with you first to stay consistent in our overall messaging.

Thank you for your help!

-Rachel

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Subject: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin –

I hope all is well with you! I am reaching out because Region 1's leadership participated in the recent Tribal Leaders Summit where we received comments from Micmac Chief Peter Paul. Chief Peter Paul's comments included “is EPA doing anything in regard to Roundup? It is applied to managed forests and affects fish, moose, and deer. What are they doing to animals? Hardwoods are some of what animals eat. How does it really affect our ecology. Deer ingest this.” He specifically mentioned the Maine governor's veto of a bill regarding glyphosate.

We are drafting a response to go from our Acting Regional Administrator to the Chief letting him know we appreciated hearing his comments and will follow-up with more information. However, we did not want to get out in front of OPP by communicating specifics about the registration, risks, etc. Would you be able to point me to someone in the Registration Division who could coordinate a follow-up response from OPP to the chief addressing his concerns regarding risks (we are inferring too that by mention of deer he may have concerns about human health risks from consuming deer). It would also be helpful if the letter could summarize or point to EPA's current policy communications on the use of glyphosate and give a status and summary of the registration review.

Thank you very much in advance for your help, Stephanie

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